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Nixon Book May Answer Haldeman

San Clemente

David Frost is helping former President Nixon revise his memoirs to answer charges made by H.R. Haldeman in his recently published book, "The Ends of Power," according to a story that will be published today in the New York daily morning newspaper, The Trib.

The story, written by editor-in-chief Leonard Saffir and senior editor Lammy Johnstone, says that a massive revision of the 1150-page manuscript is now under way with the assistance of writers Frost, Nancy Brooks and Robert Markel, editor-in-chief of Grosset and Dunlop, which is publishing the Nixon memoirs.

The Trib said the manuscript

has been completed and was in galley form when Haldeman's book appeared, charging Nixon with ordering the Watergate break-in and speculating that he had erased a critical 18½-minute period of a key White House tape. Nixon is expected to rebut these allegations. The newspaper attributed its story to "reliable sources both within the Nixon compound in San Clemente as well as sources on the outside."

At the Nixon offices in San Clemente, aides declined to comment on whether the book is being revised. However, one key Nixon aide, Ken Khachigian, told the San Diego Union, that "it is absolutely false" that Frost is assisting in a revision.

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